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SUBJECT: ANGOLA: MORE ON NGUZA TRIP

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1. FOLLOWING DESPATCH OF REFTEL, BISENGIMANA CALLED DCM JANUARY 22 TO SAY THAT, UPON REFLECTION, HE AND MOBUTU DID NOT BELIEVE CAMEROON WAS A GOOD CANDIDATE FOR THE PROPOSED MISSION TO WASHINGTON (READ THEY DO NOT BELIEVE CAMEROON WOULD BE RECEPTIVE) BUT THAT IVORY COAST WOULD CERTAINLY FILL THE BILL.DCM SAID THESE WERE JUDGMENTS BEST MADE BY GOZ AND ASKED WHAT IMPLICATION WOULD BE FOR SCENARIO REPORTED REFTEL.

2. BISENGIM REPLIED THAT MOBUTU HAD INSTRUCTED NGUZA TO DEPART FOR LUSAKA JANUARY 24, RETURN TO KINSHASA JANUARY 25 AND THEN PROCEED TO ABIDJAN AND DAKAR. AT EACH STOP, NGUZA WILL RESENT A LETTER FROM MOBUTU TO REPSECTIVE CHIEFS OF STATE CALLING FOR JOINT APPROACH AFTER DAKAR, NGUZA WILL PROCEED DIRECTLY TO WASHINGTON (TOWARD END OF NEXT WEEK) WHERE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER THREE AFRICAN STATES WILL HOPEFULLY JOIN HIM.

3. I T S CLEAR THAT MOBUTU IS GOING TO GIVE THE JOINT AFRICAN

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DEMARCHE SCENARIO A COLLEGE TRY, BUT INTENDS TO MAKE HIS OWN

PITCH DIRECTLY TO THE PRESIDENT FORD IN ANY EVENT. AND IT
IS EQUALLY EVIDENT THAT MOBUTU'S FUTURE STANCE ON
ANGOLA DEPENDS IN GREAT MEASURE ON WASHINGTON'S REACTION
TO NGUZA'S TRIP.

4. WE SHALL ATTEMPT TO GET A READING FROM NGUZA AFTER
HE HAS BEEN TO LUSAKA. CUTLER

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